



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	)	Sheri L. McGuire et al.
Application No.	)	10/714,370
Filed	)	November 14, 2003
Title	)	IMPROVED FLAME RETARDANT NONWOVENS
Examiner	)	Steele, Jennifer
Art Unit	)	1771

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

I, Sheri L. McGuire, hereby declare that:

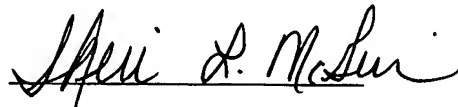
1. I am a co-inventor in Application No. 10/714,370, filed November 14, 2003.
2. I am employed by Western Nonwovens, Inc.
3. I have been involved with the development of the technology described and claimed in the above captioned patent application.
4. It has come to my attention that products sold by Glo-Tex Chemicals under the trade names Guardex FR and Glotard FFR stated in the patent application to be useful in this technology are misdescribed in the original specification.

5. For example, the original specification of this patent application states that Guardex FR and Glotard FFR are FR resins. Guardex FR and Glotard FFR are not resin based products.
6. This mistake occurred through use of loose language at Western Nonwovens during the development of this technology.
7. Development of this technology took place in part by forming nonwovens on machinery that had previously been used to produce resin bonded products.
8. I and others at Western Nonwovens began referring to the FR coating material as "FR resin," not because the FR material was resin based, but because the nonwoven product in development was being produced on the "resin" machinery.
9. This loose language was inadvertently carried over to the above captioned patent application in that Guardex FR and Glotard FFR are stated to be FR resins.
10. There are facets of the present technology where a product that may be appropriately termed "FR resin" is used. For example, the FR coating may be applied as a latex. See, *e.g.*, specification, page 6 and Example 4.
11. A substitute specification is being submitted wherein amendments have been made to correct this inadvertent mistake and to appropriately describe the FR products used in this technology.

I hereby declare that all statements made in this instrument of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 4/13/07



Sheri L. McGuire

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Applicant	)	Sheri L. McGuire
Application No.	)	10/392,999
Filed	)	March 20, 2003
Title	)	FLAME-RETARDANT NONWOVENS FOR PANELS
Examiner	)	Ruddock, Ula Corinna
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I, Ernie DeGuzman, hereby declare that:

1. I am employed by Glo-Tex Chemicals, Spartanburg SC.
2. My title is VP of Chemical Technology.
3. I am familiar with the compositions sold by Glo-Tex under the trade names "Guardex." and Glotard."
4. It is my understanding that Glo-Tex Chemicals has sold various Guardex and Glotard products to Western Nonwovens Inc. since 2002.
5. I am informed that products such as Guardex FR, and Glotard FFR have been referred to by employees of Western Nonwovens as "FR resin."

6. Upon information and belief, neither Guardex FR nor Glotard FFR has ever contained a resin. Thus, it is inappropriate to describe Guardex FR and Glotard FFR as "FR resin."

I hereby declare that all statements made in this instrument of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: APRIL 11, 2007

